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Please cancel claim 2, and amend the claims as shown below.

1. (Currently amended) A moldable crystalline aromatic polyester resin ~~prepuff~~pre-expanded foam particles, having a bulk density in the range of from 0.01 to 1.0 g/cm³ and a crystallization peak temperature in the range of from 130 to 180°C, wherein the resin contains at least one ~~unit~~moiety of a ~~unit~~moiety derived from isophthalic acid or a ~~unit~~moiety derived from 1,4-cyclohexanedimethanol in a total amount ranging from 0.5 to 10% by weight of the crystalline aromatic polyester resin.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ of claim 1, further comprising a polytetrafluoroethylene resin in an amount ranging from 0.005 to 0.1 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the crystalline aromatic polyester resin.

4. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ of claim 1, obtainable by cutting a foamed extrudate.

5. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ of claim 4, having a generally cylindrical shape, and a predetermined length, the foamed extrudate having a strand shape.

6. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ of claim 5, wherein the melt tension of the crystalline aromatic polyester resin is in the range of from 0.7 to 3.0 g in the presence of a melt tension modifier when measured at 270°C.

7. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ of claim 6, wherein an open cell ratio is in the range of from 5 to 35%.

8. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ of claim 4, having the bulk density adjusted by impregnating the pre-expanded foam particles ~~prepuff~~ with a gas under

pressure at least once and re-expanding the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff prior to molding.

9. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 1, having a crystallinity in the range of from 1 to 8%.

10. (Currently amended) A molded foam article, obtainable by filling, a mold cavity formed by closing male and female mold members of a mold with the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 1, and heating to further expand and fuse the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff in the mold cavity.

11. (Previously Amended) The molded foam article of claim 10, having an apparent density in the range of from 0.01 to 1.0 g/cm³ and a fusion ratio not less than 40%.

12. (Currently Amended) A laminated molded foam article, comprising the molded foam article of claim 10 laminated with a film or sheet of an aromatic polyester resin ~~and a film or sheet of an aromatic polyester resin on the article.~~

13. (Previously Amended) The laminated article of claim 12, wherein a peel strength of the film or sheet from the molded foam article is not less than 5 N/23 mm.

14. (Currently amended) The laminated article of claim 12, produced by placing a the film or sheet at least in a male mold member and/or a in a female mold member of a mold, closing the male and female mold members, filling the mold cavity with the crystalline aromatic polyester resin pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 1 and heating, thereby molding said crystalline aromatic polyester resin pre-expanded foam particles prepuff and laminating said crystalline aromatic polyester resin pre-expanded foam particles prepuff with said aromatic polyester resin in one step.

15. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 2, further comprising a polytetrafluoroethylene resin in an amount ranging from 0.005 to 0.1 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff, wherein the pre-expanded foam particles are obtained ~~prepuff is obtainable~~ by cutting a strand shaped foamed extrudate into generally cylindrical shapes.

16. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 15, wherein the melt tension of the crystalline aromatic polyester resin is in the range of from 0.7 to 3.0 g in the presence of a melt tension modifier when measured at 270°C, and the open cell ratio is in the range of from 5 to 35%.

17. (Currently amended) The pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 16, having a bulk density adjusted by pressure at least once and re-expanding the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff prior to molding and a crystallinity in the range of from 1 to 8%.

18. (Currently amended) A molded foam article, obtainable by filling, a mold cavity formed by closing male and female mold members of a mold with the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 17, and heating to further expand and fuse the pre-expanded foam particles prepuff in the mold cavity.

19. (Previously Added) The molded foam article of claim 18, having an apparent density in the range of from 0.01 to 1.0 g/cm³ and a fusion ratio not less than 40%.

20. (Currently amended) The article of claim 13 produced by placing a film or sheet at least in a male mold member and/or in a female mold member of a mold, closing the male and female mold members, filling the mold cavity with the crystalline aromatic polyester resin pre-expanded foam particles prepuff of claim 1 and heating, thereby molding and laminating in one step.